

## SSK - SAMPLE COLLECTION/INCUBATION

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1. Unstow SSK Kit.
2. Transport Kit to sampling location.
3. Remove one SSPA and Scissors from Kit.  
Cut top edge to open.  
Stow Scissors in Kit.
4. Remove both TSA Slides (enclosed in protective sleeve).  
Temporarily stow the TSA slide with the white dot on the outside of the kit.

### NOTE

Do not touch exposed Media Slide with fingers or any object before sampling. If Slide is contaminated when removed from protective sleeve, discard in Ziploc Bag and replace with another SSPA.

5. Remove TSA Media Slide from protective sleeve.

Grasp labeled end of protective sleeve with one hand, slide the sleeve seal to the non-labeled end of protective sleeve.

Grasp corner of labeled end of protective sleeve and open the cover by pulling it back no further than the middle of Media Slide.

Remove Media Slide from protective sleeve by holding the edge and pulling the slide out with the agar surface facing away from body.

Close protective sleeve by sliding sleeve seal back in place.

6. Secure empty protective sleeve in outside pocket of Kit.

### NOTE

The cotton swab will not be used when sampling a flat surface.

7. SURFACE SAMPLING

#### Flat Surface

Firmly but gently press TSA Media Slide onto surface area and hold for 1 or 2 seconds.

Replace Media Slide in protective sleeve. Slide sleeve seal back to labeled end of protective cover to secure.

#### Non-Flat Surface

Remove swab tube with red and white dots from kit and remove swab from tube. Secure tube in outside pocket of kit.

Using swab, sample a 25cm<sup>2</sup> area (see figure 1 below) by rolling the swab across entire surface area.

Record the date, time and location on affixed label with Sharpie from kit.

Enclose inoculated Media Slide in Ziploc Bag with red dot and tmpy stow.

Repeat steps 5---7 using the Media Slide and Ziploc Bag with the white dot to sample an area adjacent to the previous area sampled.

Inoculate the Media Slide with red dot by rolling the swab across media surface four times from end to end. Tmpy stow swab in tube.

Replace Media Slide in protective sleeve. Slide sleeve seal back to labeled end of protective cover to secure. Tmpy stow on kit.

Repeat steps 5---7 using the Media Slide with white dot.

Reinsert the used swab into the tube and place in SSPA wrap.

Record the date, time and location on affixed label with Sharpie from kit.

Enclose inoculated Media Slides in appropriately marked Ziploc Bags.

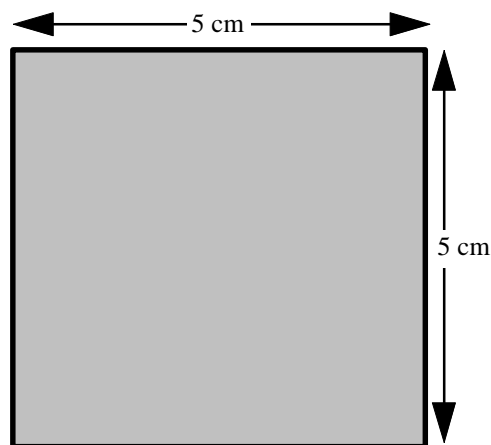


Figure 1.- Flat surface sample area.

8. Clean the area sampled with a disinfectant wipe from the SSPA.
9. Discard the Disinfectant Wipe and the SSPA wrap in trash.
10. Repeat steps 2 --- 9 for each sampling site of habitable modules.
11. Place the Ziploc Bags with the inoculated Media Slides in a warm place for incubation or replace in the Nomex Kit for incubation.
12. Stow the SSK.

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